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Defense Language Branch

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

-vs-

AKI, Sadao et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: YAMAZAKI, Iwao

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

I, YAMAZAKI, Iwao make oath and say as follows:

1) I, YAMAZAKI, Iwao served from January 1940 to July 1940 as Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry.

2) As Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry, it was my responsibility to preserve law and order throughout Japan and it was part of any duties to try and prevent anticipated incidents from arising and in the event that they did occur

to take necessary steps to subdue them. In order to accomplish this effectively, it was necessary that I keep myself well informed of various movements among the civilian populations and to ascertain the opinions and purposes of various group I constantly received information from my subordinates in connection with these matters. While I was serving as Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry, the so-called July 5th incident occurred in July, 1940. From information I received I ascertained that the July 5th incident was plotted by more than 30 members of a rightist reformist group, led by MAYEDA, Torao and KAGEYAMA, Masaharu in attempts to assassinate those whom they regarded as pro-American and pro-British advocates of the status quo or liberalists. This group believed these proposed victims were obstructing its projected national reform. The plot was timed for before daybreak, July 5, 1940, but due to advance information we had received, the assassinations were prevented and all of the plotters were rounded up just when they were leaving their base of operation, fully armed with hand-grenades, revolvers Japanese swords, and various other weapons. At

this time Marquis KIDO was the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal. The Metropolitan Police interrogated these would be assassins and found out that the target of their attempted assassinations included the following:

- (1) Prime Minister YONAI, as representative of the Government.
- (2) Mr. YUASA, Kurahei, former Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal; Admiral OKADA, ex-Premier; Baron HARADA, Kumao; Count WAKINO, former Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal; Marquis KIDO, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal and Mr. MATSUDAIRA, Tsuneo, Minister of the Imperial Household, as representatives of the Senior Statement.
- (3) Mr. MACHIDA, leader of the Minseito Party and four other as representatives of the political parties. The would be assassins were only tried, convicted and sentenced to prison terms. Additional police protection for the above mentioned proposed victims was provided for a period of time after this event.

On this 2nd day of Feb. 1948

At Tokyo

DEFONENT: /S/ YAMAZAKI, Iwao (seal)

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I, KIDO, Takahiko, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At same place.

Witness: /S/ KIDO, Takahiko (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/S/ YAMAZAKI, Iwao (seal)

板東四際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國

其他

對

荒本貞夫 其他

宣誓供述書

供述者 山崎

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云内務省警保局長タリシ余ノ職務へ全国半於ル治安維持アリト、且  
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現ノ爲ニ之ガ阻害者タル親英米的現狀維持者、又ヘ自由主義者ト  
目サル。皆ワ一杆ニ階級セント昭和十五年七月五日未明化ノ一團  
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ナリ。當時木戸侯ハ内大臣タリ。警視廳ハ之等ノ暗殺事件ヲ取扱  
ベソノ暗殺ノ目標ハ左ノ如クナルコト判明セリ。

1 政府代表トシテ米内首相  
2 朝臣代表トシテ湯浅前内務、岡田元首相、原田熊雄男、牧野元内  
府、木戸内府及松平宮相

3 財閥代表トシテ池田成彬外二名

4 政黨代表トシテ町田民政、鶴見外四名修ナリ  
犯人達ハ十分ニ裁判サレ有罪トナリテ附罪セリ。上邊ノ目標タリ  
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昭和二十三年一九四八年一二月二日於

市京都 目無町  
洗足一四大四

供述者 山崎殿

貴族會人ノ而前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス

同日於同所

立会人

木戸季彦

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